

ADDENDUM TO JOURNAL

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2. (Unclassified - LLM) BRIEFING Had a series of conversations with Ed Braswell and Clark McFadden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, concerning the timing and content of the briefing of the Committee on the Intelligence Community and Agency budgets. Beyond budgetary matters, the Committee will be interested in issues such as the publication of the intelligence budget and perhaps congressional oversight. Eventually, it was determined that the session would be before the CIA Subcommittee on Monday, 3 May, at 2:30 p.m.

3. (Unclassified - LLM) AGENCY VISIT Florence Fields, Washington Workshops, called to see if it would be possible to arrange for a tour of the Agency for 150 high school students from Beverly Hills, California. I told her that while it would not be possible to arrange for a tour as such perhaps we could arrange for an Agency officer to meet with the group for about an hour or an hour and a half to give them a briefing on the Agency and answer questions. Mrs. Fields suggested setting something up for the morning of Tuesday, 22 June, and I told her we would have someone get back in touch with her. [REDACTED] DDA's office, has been advised.

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4. [] LIAISON Alan Romberg, in the office of Representative David Obey (D., Wis.), called in connection with the Congressman's request to be kept current on developments in the Middle East. [] Romberg said that Mr. Obey had received the material I had sent him and I said that if more was needed perhaps they would like to subscribe to the FBIS Daily Reports which are unclassified and at least reflect the media coverage of the area. Romberg thought this was a good suggestion and said this ought to satisfy their needs for now. I made it clear that if the Congressman wanted a briefing from time to time, we would be glad to arrange one.

5. [] LIAISON Advised the principal staff members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, Senate and House Appropriations Committees, and the Senate Foreign Relations and House International Relations Committees, of the Director's determination to provide them the National Intelligence Daily in lieu of the Congressional Check List and that the changeover will take affect Monday, 3 May. No negative reaction was received.

6. [] LIAISON Called Les Janka, NSC staff, to determine the Administration's probable position with respect to S. 2662, International Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Act of 1976, in light of a number of provisions in that bill which may possibly impact upon Agency matters. Janka said it would most likely be vetoed.

7. [] LIAISON At his request, I dropped by Bill Ashworth's, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, office and he asked if we would have someone give him an "update on what CIA is doing in [] He said that he had had a partial briefing from the State Department and the inference was that State wanted him to contact us for further details. I told Ashworth that I would check on this and that I or someone from my office would be back in touch with him. [] is following up on this.)

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5. (Unclassified - RJK) LIAISON Spoke with Jack Odgaard, on the staff of Senator Carl T. Curtis (R., Neb.), as a follow-up to an earlier inquiry from Ron Frederick, on the staff of the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee. These gentlemen were interested in the current crop conditions in the Soviet Union, which I passed on to Jack Odgaard. He said the Senator was speaking to some people from Nebraska and would appreciate having the latest information available. He also asked for a USSR agriculture atlas and one was delivered to him late in the afternoon.

6. (Unclassified - THW) LIAISON I called Norvill Jones, on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and asked him for his analysis of Senator Dick Clark's (D., Iowa) resolution and other bills which would require submission of executive agreements for Senate approval. He said there was little chance that any of these measures would get anywhere this year. The Senate is in no mood to take the initiative on major changes in the Senate/Executive branch relationship at this time, and these matters will remain in a holding pattern with perhaps some hearings merely to stimulate debate with any legislative action put off until next year.

7. (Unclassified - THW) HEARING Took a call from Victor Johnson, on the staff of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce, House International Relations Committee, who said that he had looked at the transcript of the 12 April hearing and would like us to review it again to see if portions of it could be declassified so as to be able to print it as part of the public record. I told him we would pick up the transcript and take a look at it to see what we could do.

8. (Unclassified - DFM) LEGISLATION Received a call from Ted Van Gilder, congressional intern working on Senator Charles Percy's (R., Ill.) Government Operations Committee Minority staff. Van Gilder said he and John Childers, Minority Counsel to the Committee, were talking about a possible compromise to S. Res. 400, under which the new proposed committee would have exclusive jurisdiction, legislative and authorization authority, but a disclosure provision watered down from the original S. Res. 400. We discussed the possible compromise, but I did not offer him any encouragement.